

REMARKS

The Office Action alleges that the present application includes claims directed to the following species of the generic invention:

Species A – Method including replacing a cement chamber (claim 60)

Species B – Method including not replacing a cement chamber (claim 62)

The Examiner states that claims 7-17, 19, 20, 36-40, 50, 51, 59, 61, and 78 are generic, and the species above have mutually exclusive technical features.

Applicants elect Species B without traverse. Species B reads on claim 62.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that an interview would facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned.

In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 101896-890.

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Respectfully submitted,

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